

A Native African Food.
The native food of the Malunda country, in southern Africa, comprises maize and that alone. It is a plant particularly adapted to wet, marshy soil. Says the author of "In Remotest Bantoland," It takes two years to arrive at maturity and while growing requires very little attention. The root when full grown is about the size and shape very much the appearance of a German sausage, although at times it grows much larger. One shrub has several roots, and the extraction of two or three in no way impairs the growth of the remainder. When newly dug it tastes like a chestnut, and the digestion of the proverbial ostrich can alone assimilate it raw, but when soaked in water for a few days until partly decomposed, dried on the roofs of the huts and stamped it forms a delightfully white soft meal, far whiter and sweeter than the best flour. Then it is beaten into a thick paste and eaten with a little flavoring composed of either locust or a caterpillar, which the natives seek in decayed trees. Another way of eating this native luxury is by soaking the roots after soaking them and eating it as you would a banana.

George Elliot's Savonarola.
Savonarola is one of the most striking characters in George Elliot's great historical novel "Romola," the scene of which is in Florence and the period that of Savonarola's career. The idea of writing the book occurred to the novelist while on a visit to Florence, and on a second visit to the city, in 1861, she began to carry out her project. The subject and design were foreign to the author's genius, but she spared no pains in making a thorough study of the locality, the people and the literature of the Italian renaissance for the purposes of her story. In her own words, the work "plowed into her" more than any of her books. She began it, she says, as a young woman and finished it as an old woman. Her picture of Florence and Savonarola is undeniably impressive, and some critics declare "Romola" to be George Elliot's greatest novel and the character of Savonarola one of the finest delineations.—Pearson's.

Size of Heads.
The average adult head has a circumference of fully twenty-two inches. The average adult hat is fully six and three-quarters size. The sizes of men's hats are six and three-fourths and six and seven-eighths generally. "Sevens" hats are common in Aberdeen, and the professors of our colleges generally wear seven and one-eighth to eight sizes. Heads wearing hats of the sizes six and three-eighths and smaller or being less than twenty-one inches in circumference can never be powerful. Between nineteen and twenty inches in circumference heads are invariably very weak and, according to this authority, "no lady should think of marrying a man with a head less than twenty inches in circumference." People with heads under nineteen inches are mentally deficient and with heads under eighteen inches invariably idiotic.—London Young Woman.

Safest Place in Trains.
"I have one rule for my family when they travel," said the conductor of the suburban train, "and that is for them never to ride in the rear coach or the first one and, preferably, not in the coach next to the last or first. The reason for it is so obvious that I should think the foremost and last cars of a train would have scant patronage from anybody who reads of railroad accidents. If there is a smashup, those are the coaches that suffer. It seems strange that some kind of a buffer is not put behind the locomotive tender and at the rear of the train. How many lives would be saved by a device of the kind one has only to study the statistics of railroad accidents to figure out for himself."—New York Press.

Lifting a Kettle of Hot Water.
Some time when the teakettle is bubbling and boiling on the kitchen range lift it quickly by its handle and set it on the open palm of your other hand. This sounds like a very foolhardy thing to do—as if your hand might be blistered in a twinkling—but you will find that you can hold the teakettle which has just come from a roaring fire for some time without hurting you. Try it and then see if you can tell the reason why you are not burned. Be sure, however, that the water is boiling strongly before you make the experiment.

A Kippered Pastor.
A French Protestant pastor was the guest of a Scottish preacher at a manse. One morning kippered herrings were served at breakfast. The French pastor asked the meaning of "kipper." His host replied that it meant "to preserve." On taking his leave next day the French pastor, wringing his host's hand, said, "May the Lord kipper you, my good friend."

Postage Stamps.
Postage stamps are peculiarly liable to become septic and to convey deadly germs, says the British Medical Press and Circular, a fact that cannot be too widely known to the public who find in it a popular substitute for sticking plaster.

Made a Gorilla King.
The craze among society women for queer pets is an old story. It usually ends through being carried too far. There is the case of Andromeda, for instance, and there is that other affair of the decadent Roman emperor's daughter, who had a pet gorilla, procured for her at great cost by an Arabian trader who supplied strange beasts for the amphitheater. One day the Praetorian guard arose and murdered the caesar. The gorilla, who happened to be present, strangled the ringleader, who was to have assumed the imperial purple himself, with its bare hands. This so delighted the Praetorians that they unanimously elected the gorilla, whom they took for a barbarian from North Britain, to the vacant throne. On the mistake being explained by a zoologically minded patrician, the divus caesar had to be killed and another one chosen.—London News.

Chinese Gambler's Penance.
A Chinese cook named Chin Kan had been engaged by a wealthy Chinese in Ho in street in Canton. All the money he earned had been lost in gambling. On one occasion his master paid him some money for the provisions he supplied. The cook lost all the money at one stake. Finding that his debts were accumulating day by day, on the twenty-fourth day he went into the kitchen and chopped off the forefinger of his left hand as a self punishment and warning in order to relinquish this evil habit of gambling in the future. He became unconscious through the pain, but was brought round again in a few minutes.—Singapore Times.

"Naming" a Member.
It is an ancient belief that a man's name has some mysterious sympathy with his nature, whence arise such stories as that of Rumpelstiltskin, whose power over a human being vanishes the moment that his name is pronounced aloud. It has been suggested with some show of reason that the modern practice of "naming" a refractory member of the British house of commons is merely a survival of this belief, which the Norsemen brought into England.

A Kiss That Brought Death.
Courtship in Spain is regulated by the strictest etiquette. As is well known, a young man is never left alone with his fiancée. Near Malaga a beautiful young girl of twenty committed suicide by drinking a cup of coffee in which phosphorus had been dissolved. It appears that the girl had been driven to the deed by the adverse comments of neighbors who became aware that she had given her sweetheart a kiss.—London Mail.

The Family Game.
Mother (coming into the children's room)—Rosie, what are you making such a terrible noise over? Look at Hugo. See how quiet he sits there. Rosie—Yes, it's easy for him to sit quiet in the game we are playing. He is papa, who has come home late, and I am—you.—Wiener Salonwitzblatt.

Explicit.
The Kedah postoffice authorities have a somewhat blunt way of putting things. Copies of a Penang paper posted to a subscriber were the other day returned marked, "Addressee hanged for murder."—Bangkok Times.

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Ordinance No. 41.
An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance entitled "Animals Running at Large."
Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council, of the City of Arcadia, Florida, in session convened:
Section 1. That section one of Ordinance fifteen, of the Ordinances of the City of Arcadia, entitled "Animals Running at Large," as passed on the 18th day of August, A. D., 1903, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any horse, mule, ass, cow, calf, bull, ox, hog or pig to run at large within the incorporate limits of the City of Arcadia; provided however that milchcows and suckling calves of such milchcows, kept for use by the residents of the City of Arcadia, shall be permitted to run at large.
Passed in regular session this 31st day of November, A. D., 1906. PERRY C. BROWN, President of City Council.
I certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly passed by the City Council in regular session on the date above mentioned, and the same is hereby presented to the Mayor of said City as provided by section twelve of the City Charter.
Witness my hand and official seal on this the 8th day of Nov. A. D., 1906.
(SEAL) FRANK HORTON, City Clerk.
Approved this 8th day of Nov. A. D., 1906. W. M. PLATT, Mayor.

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